

Agenda Item 2

Annual National Reports 2009

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Annual National Report Lithuania

Action Requested

- Briefly present highlights from reports (max. 5 minutes)
- Take note of the information submitted
- Comment

Submitted by

Lithuania



NOTE:
IN THE INTERESTS OF ECONOMY, DELEGATES ARE KINDLY REMINDED TO BRING THEIR
OWN COPIES OF DOCUMENTS TO THE MEETING

**Revised Format for the
ASCOBANS Annual National Reports**

General Information

Name of Party:	Period covered: 2009
LITHUANIA	Date of report: 30 March 2010

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NEW Measures / Action Towards Meeting the Objectives of the Conservation and Management Plan and the Resolutions of the Meeting of Parties

Please feel free to add more rows to tables if the space provided is not sufficient.

A. HABITAT CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

1 Direct Interaction with Fisheries

<p>Investigations of methods to reduce bycatch</p> <p>No investigations on methods to reduce by-catches of harbor porpoises have been conducted so far.</p>
<p>Implementation of methods to reduce bycatch</p> <p>Yes, on the basis of the Council Regulation (EC) No. 812/2004.</p>
<p>Please provide any other relevant information, including bycatch information from opportunistic sources.</p>

In addition, please attach or provide link to your country's Report under EC Regulation 812/2004.

2 Reduction of Disturbance

2.1 Anthropogenic Noise

<p>Please reference and briefly summarise any studies undertaken</p> <p>No any studies on anthropogenic noise have been taken.</p>
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2.2 Ship Strike Incidents

Please list all known incidents and for each, provide the following information:

Date	Species	Type of injury	Fatal injury (Yes / No)	Type of vessel (length, tonnage and speed)	Location (coordinates)	More information: (Name / Email)
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2.3 Major Incidents Affecting Significant Numbers* of Cetaceans

Date	Location	Type of incident	Further Information
-	-	-	-

**Two or more animals*

2.4 Pollution and Hazardous Substances

<p>Please report on main types of pollution and hazardous substances (including source,</p>

location and observed effects on cetaceans). Please provide information on any new measures taken to reduce pollution likely to have an impact.

There is no information.

2.5 Other Forms of Disturbance

Please provide any other relevant information, e.g. relating to recreational activities affecting cetaceans.

There is no information.

3 Marine Protected Areas for Small Cetaceans

Please provide any relevant information on measures taken to identify, implement and manage protected areas for cetaceans, including MPAs designated under the Habitats Directive and MPAs planned or established within the framework of OSPAR or HELCOM.

No protected areas for cetaceans are identified in Lithuania.

Please indicate where GIS data of the boundaries (and zoning, if applicable) can be obtained (contact email / website).

None.

B. SURVEYS AND RESEARCH

4.1 Overview of Research on Abundance, Distribution and Population Structure

Please provide an brief summary of (and reference to) any national work.

The LIFE project "Marine Protected Areas in the Eastern Baltic Sea" (LIFE05 NAT/LV/000100) is implemented in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in 2005-2009 (www.balticseaportal.net). One of the goal of this project – to inventory the marine mammals.

For detecting Harbour porpoise and measuring its activity passive submerged porpoise detectors (T-PODs) was used. The project inventory covered the whole length of the Eastern Baltic Sea coast from Lithuania to the Gulf of Finland. Arrays of T-PODs was deployed in pre-selected places (6 T-PODs in each Baltic country). In 2007 and 2008 different pre-selected areas was used, so different project areas was covered. These detectors were physically placed in the sea and every three months the data from T-PODs were downloaded and batteries exchanged.

The T-PODs for harbour porpoise detection have been purchased and programmed, later on deployed to first survey site for survey. So far, within the year 2007/2009, no harbour

porpoises were detected near deployment locations.

4.2 New Technological Developments

Please provide a brief summary of any relevant information

None.

4.3 Other Relevant Research

Please provide a brief summary of any relevant information

None.

C. USE OF BY-CATCHES AND STRANDINGS

5 Post-Mortem Research Schemes

Contact details of research institutions / focal point	-
Methodology used (reference, e.g. publication, protocol)	-
Collection of samples (type, preservation method)	-
Database (Number of data sets by species, years covered, software used, online access)	-
Additional Information (e.g. website addresses, intellectual property rights, possibility of a central database)	-

5.1 Number of Necropsies Carried out in Reporting Period:

Species	Recorded cause of death
-	-

Please provide any other relevant information on post-mortem / stranding schemes.

There is no information or data.

D. LEGISLATION

6.1 Relevant New Legislation, Regulations and Guidelines

Please provide any relevant information.

In 2009 started national new project "Preparation of Protection Actions Plans for Rare Species and Populations Regulations Actions Plans for Invasive Species" in which is including the species harbour porpoise. There is preparing a plan for this species focusing to ASCOBANS implementation. The Institute of Ecology is working on this.

E. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

7.1 Public Awareness and Education

Please report on any public awareness and education activities to implement or promote the Agreement to the general public and to fishermen.

The lectures for schoolchildren and students on protection of marine ecosystems including small cetaceans as well as local harbor porpoises are permanently organized in the Lithuanian Sea Museum display.

Lithuanian Sea Museum celebrated International Harbor Porpoise Day in 2009 too.

A life-size model of harbour porpoise have been exhibited at the aquarium hall of the Lithuanian Sea Museum.

POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT

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